

CLAIMS:

1. A pluggable module for a telecommunications network interface card, the telecommunications network interface card including a Small Form Pluggable receptacle interface, wherein the pluggable module is arranged to be received by the Small Form Pluggable receptacle interface on one side and to provide an electrical connection to a further telecommunications network unit on the other side, the electrical connection being compatible with a predefined electrical interface rate.
2. A pluggable module, as claimed in Claim 1, in which the pluggable module is adapted to interface at SONET or SDH or PDH electrical rate.
3. A pluggable module as claimed in claim 3, in which the pluggable module is adapted to interface at an SDH STM-n electrical rate.
4. A pluggable module substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.
5. A pluggable module for a telecommunications network interface card which has a receptacle to receive an optical interface module, wherein the module has an electrical interface.

6. A module as claimed in claim 5, in which the module includes connectors moulded into a block of plastics material.
7. A module as claimed in claim 6, in which a printed circuit board bearing contacts to interface with the interface card is also moulded into the block.
8. A module as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 7, in which the module is adapted to interface with an ITU SONET or SDH or PDH rate.
9. A module as claimed in claim 8, in which the module is adapted to interface with an SDH STM-n rate.
10. A module substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.